the disciplines where there is a shortage of coaches in relation with trainees in high performance disciplines.

National Games, 2009

†2254. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided by the Indian Olympic Association not to give the responsibility of hosting National Games, 2009 to the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the names of the States which have been informed about this decision so far?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had allotted the National Games, 2009 to the U.P. State Olympic Association. IOA have stated that at their General Assembly it was decided not to allot the National Games to any affiliated State Olympic Association, where the State has brought legislation to curb the autonomy of the Sports bodies as this is against the International Olympic Charter. Since the State of Uttar Pradesh has brought such legislation, IOA have withdrawn the allotment of the 2009 National Games to the U.P. Olympic Association.

Games and events at Commonwealth Games 2010

2255. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the games and events that would be conducted at the Commonwealth Games at Delhi in 2010; and

(b) how many of them would be new events or new additions which were not in 2006 games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Commonwealth Games, 2010 are proposed to be held in 18 disciplines. Out of these the following 15 disciplines have already been approved:—

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Aquatics, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics,Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby 7's, Shooting, Squash, Table Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The inclusion of the following three disciplines is subject to the approval of Executive Board of the Commonwealth Games Federation which is to meet in October-November, 2006:

Archery, Billiards and Snooker and Tennis.

(b) Of the discipline already approved, the discipline of Wrestling will be a new addition to the Commonwealth Games, 2010 since it was not included in the Commonwealth Games, 2006.

Encouragement to women and girls in sports for Commonwealth Games 2010

2256. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans and programmes to encourage women and girls in sports for their preparations to participate in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games; and

(b) the number of women in sports who have been identified for encouragement in our country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Government is holding discussions with the Indian Olympic Association, the Organising Committee of the Commonwealth Games-2010, the Sports Authority of India and various National Sports Federations in respect of preparation of teams and enhancement of medal prospects with reference to the Commonwealth Games-2010. In this process identification of promising sportspersons in the women's and girls category is also being given due consideration with the aim of being able to provide the required assistance, and put in place other arrangements for their preparations. The preparation of women and girls in sports is also being seriously encouraged.

(b) At present, 2904 women are being imparted training under various Sports Promotional Schemes being run by the Sports Authority of India.